

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALLOCATING A TRANSPORT
IDENTIFIER FOR A NETWORK DATA CONNECTION**

ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus is disclosed for allocating a transport identifier for network data connections of a processor arrangement. Dynamic transport identifiers may be associated with data connections of the processor arrangement. Association of duplicate dynamic transport identifiers is permitted for two or more of the data connections of the processor arrangement. The destination for data received at the first processor arrangement may be resolved from the two or more data connections based on the associated dynamic transport identifier and network identifier.